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TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:PFOR, PINR, MU, YS, UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET WEAPONS PROVIDED TO PDRY

REF: MUSCAT 758

1. IN DISCUSSING SOVIET AID TO PDRY'S ARMED FORCES ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING.
2. THE USSR EMERGED AS THE PRINCIPAL ARMS SUPPLIER OF THE ADEN REGIME FOLLOWING THE 1967 BRITISH WITHDRAWAL. TODAY, PDRY'S ARMED FORCES DEPEND ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THE SOVIETS FOR EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT.

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3. SOME OF ITS EQUIPMENT IS FROM OTHER THAN SOVIET SOURCES, BUT THE MAJORITY IS FROM THE SOVIET UNION (ABOUT \$80 MILLION SINCE 1L968). ESTIMATES OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT

SUPPLIED BY SOVIETS FOLLOWS:

NAVY

2 SUB CHASERS

4 TORPEDO BOATS

2 UTILITY LANDING CRAFT

2 MECHANIZED LANDING CRAFT

AIR FORCE

MIG 15/MIG 17        MORE THAN 20

MIG 21                MORE THAN 20

IL-28                 4

TRANSPORTS           8

HELICOPTERS           12

ARMY

APC                   MORE THAN 110

TANKS                 MORE THAN 110

MOTOR VEHICLES       OVER 800

ARTILLERY

AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY   ABOUT 90

UNDER 100 MM.        ABOUT 70

OVER 100 MM.         MORE THAN 50

4. THERE ARE REPORTEDLY AS MANY AS 200 SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS THROUGHOUT THE PDRY MILITARY COMMAND STRUCTURE. MORE THAN 500 PDRY MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE GONE TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR TRAINING.

5. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO PDRY, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF IT HAS RECEIVED THE PORTABLE SA-7 MODEL.

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6. FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT INFORMATION IS ONLY FOR OMAN GOVERNMENT INTERNAL USE. SISCO

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